



Media Advisory

North Bay event to discuss legislation that would make renewable energy a provincial priority

Frustration is growing in parts of rural Ontario where farmers, municipalities, First Nations, and local owners of green energy projects are unable to fully contribute to the future of Ontario's green electricity.

A Green Energy Act that would empower all Ontario residents to become power generators is being proposed by an alliance of agricultural, labour, industrial and environmental organizations.

A public workshop is being held in North Bay to explain the proposed legislation, which in Europe has proven to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, eliminate smog and create thousand of good jobs. For more information on the Green Energy Act, visit http://www.greenenergyact.ca.

WHAT:

A public workshop to discuss the proposed Green Energy Act for Ontario

WHO:

Innovation Initiatives Ontario North (IION)
The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA), member of the Green Energy Act Alliance

WHEN:

Saturday, February 14, 2009 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

WHERE:

Nipissing University, Fideli Room, 100 College Drive North Bay ON, P1B 8L7

Free Admission

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OSEA works to initiate, facilitate and support the work of local sustainable energy organizations through membership services, province wide capacity building and non-partisan policy work. They work to catalyze the efforts of community organizers and raise awareness of the benefits of community power and renewable energy through various communication channels and by offering a variety of workshops and guidebooks on topics.

Innovation Initiatives Ontario North's primary goal is the diversification of the Northern Ontario economy. This objective will be met through the facilitation of partnerships between industry and educational institutions as well as between industries whose synergies may not have been as apparent in the past.

